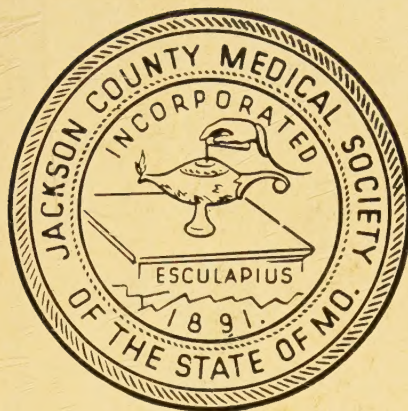


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	1959	1958	First 24 Weeks	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
DEATHS—Total	105	108	3,007	3,025
Under One Year.....	5	5	194	223
Non-Resident	17	22	581	558
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	29	22
Within City Limits	0	0	21	20
BIRTHS—Total	304	325	7,523	7,273

MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY—

Chickenpox Cases	2	1	303	292
Scarlet Fever Cases	5	1	161	84
Epidemic Meningitis Cases	0	0	7	6
Deaths	0	0	1	3
Poliomyelitis Cases	1	0	2	0
Measles Cases	10	27	233	528
Mumps Cases	6	2	230	217
Whooping Cough Cases	3	0	93	21
Syphilis Cases	21	33	235	756
Deaths	0	0	0	5
Gonorrhea Cases	29	26	582	536
Tuberculosis Cases	7	8	137	131
Deaths	0	2	22	23
Rheumatic Fever Cases	0	1	19	7
Deaths	0	0	0	2
Infectious Hepatitis Cases	6	1	71	55
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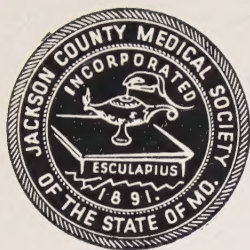
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JUNE Sunday 28	(NO MEETING SCHEDULED)
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Tuesday 30	7:00 a. m. Surgical Review Committee — Bethany Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — V. A. Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — Trinity Lutheran Hospital. 8:30 a. m. Pharmacy Committee Meeting — Research Hospital. 8:30 a. m. Medical Grand Rounds — General Hospital. 10:00 a. m. Psychiatric Seminar or Literature Club — V. A. Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Tumor and Cancer Clinic — General Hospital. 12:00 noon Medical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 1:30 p. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — V. A. Hospital. 5:30 p. m. Annual Dinner Honoring House Staff — General Hospital (See page 1044). 7:00 p. m. Clay County Medical Society (See page 1044).
JULY Wednesday 1	11:00 a. m. Urology Conference — Mercy Hospital. 12:00 noon Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Queen of the World Hospital. 12:00 noon General Orientation — Bethany Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Anesthesia Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Medical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 6:00 p. m. U.S.N.R. Medical Unit 9-4. 7:00 p. m. Kansas City Anatomical Society — General Hospital, Anatomical Amphitheatre. 8:00 p. m. Dental Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital. 8:00 p. m. Medical Business Bureau Advisory Committee — 3036 Gillham Road.
Thursday 2	7:30 a. m. Surgical Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Medical and Surgical Chest Conference — General Hospital. 8:30 a. m. "Neurotic Symptoms in Children" — Psychiatric Receiving Center. 9:30 a. m. Urology Seminar — General Hospital Auditorium. 10:00 a. m. Psych. Conference — Mercy Hospital. 10:30 a. m. Psychiatric Seminar — Neurological Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Medical-Surgical Chest Conference — V. A. Hospital. 7:30 p. m. Regular Meeting — 325th General Hospital, U. S. Army Reserves, O.R.C. Armory, 1528 Central.
Friday 3	7:30 a. m. Medicine Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Tumor Clinic — Bethany Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Endocrine Conference — General Hospital. 9:45 a. m. Medical Staff Therapy Conference — Kansas City Tuberculosis Hospital. 2:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — General Hospital. 2:30 p. m. Joint Neurological-Neurosurgical Conference — V.A. Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Journal Club — Mercy Hospital. 5:00 p. m. Surgery-Medicine Journal Club — Research Hospital.
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 - July 13—Leavenworth County Medical Society.
Staff Meeting—Menorah Medical Center.
 - July 14—Lafayette Ray County Medical Society.
 - July 15—Staff Meeting—Downtown Hospital.
Staff Meeting—Neurological Hospital.
Staff Meeting—Providence Hospital.
 - July 16—Kansas City Dermatological Society.
Staff Meeting—Queen of the World Hospital.
 - July 18—Morbidity and Mortality Conference—General Hospital.
 - July 24—Radiological Society of Greater Kansas City.
 - July 28—Executive Council, Jackson County Medical Society.
 - July 30—Staff Meeting—Wheatley-Provident Hospital.

Coming National and Regional Meetings

- July 22-23—Rocky Mountain Cancer Conference—Brown Palace Hotel, Denver.
- July 29-Aug. 15—University Southern California Postgraduate Refresher Course—Honolulu.
- Aug. 21-26—Third International Congress of Physical Medicine—Washington, D. C.
- Aug. 24-28—American Veterinary Medical Association—Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 4—American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—Hotel Leamington, Minneapolis.
- Sept. 6—College of American Pathologists—Palmer House, Chicago.
- Sept. 7-11—American Society of Clinical Pathologists—Palmer House, Chicago.
- Sept. 13-17—International College of Surgeons—Palmer House, Chicago.
- Sept. 18-20—Mid-Continent Psychiatric Association—Holiday Inn Motor Hotel, St. Louis County.
- Sept. 22-25—American Roentgen Ray Society—Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati.
- Sept. 24-26—Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—Drake Hotel, Chicago.
- Sept. 24-26—American Association of Medical Clinics—Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago.
- Sept. 28-Oct. 2—American College of Surgeons—Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City.
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Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Mathewson announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Elaine, June 9, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Garrison announce the birth of a daughter, Robyn Claire, June 22 at St. Mary's Hospital.

John S. Knight is the author of a chapter entitled "Acoustic Trauma and Occupational Deafness" in Jackson's and Jackson's Diseases of the Nose, Throat and Ear published by W. B. Saunders Company.

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THE PROPOSED TELEPHONE MERGER.—General public needs of the past, such as transportation, water supply, ready means of communication by telephone and telegraph, as well as other social commodities, have developed public utilities. The government has assumed the ownership, control and management of some. Society has delegated groups of financiers or the private corporation to own and manage others. Today public utilities are largely in the hands of the private corporation. The only reason for the existence of any public utility is the service it renders to the common needs of society. At present in Kansas City, as elsewhere, the lack of service or the very poor and indifferent service, characterizes our several public utilities.

The proposed merger of the two telephone companies, to the support of which the public has been contributing for years, is a result we are deeply interested in as a profession. Probably no groups of society need efficient and reasonably priced service above that of the doctor and his clientele the sick public. This winter has demonstrated such need as never before, and yet with two large telephone systems in Kansas City, the profession and the public have found it almost impossible to get any service, especially in emergencies.

It is recognized that the question of securing competent help has been a problem, though such indicates all the more the wisdom of one management, with consequent less overhead expenses, and more opportunity of

better and simpler system in management.

May we not hope that the public official, the corporation heads and the interested public may now get together and consider only public needs, and perfect a merger of the two unwieldly and unnecessary telephone systems in the simple and more perfect methods of operation, and at a fee or rental both for office and residence so that all may share in this very important and necessary public utility—the telephone system.

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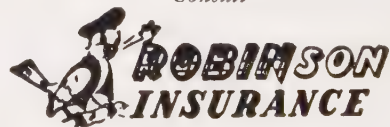
July 2 Raymond B. Anderson

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manente Medical Group Kaiser
Foundation Hospital, Richmond,
California.

W. B. Saunders Company, Phila-
delphia, Pa., 2nd edition, 1958. 498
pages. Cloth binding, price—\$8.00.

The first edition of this almost pocket sized thesaurus of concisely written, carefully indexed, practical treatment and management of medical emergencies was copyrighted in 1954. The second edition apparently was necessitated to include the use of the newer modi of management such as improved antibiotics, plasma expanders, resuscitators, etc., which we are all aware has occurred with great rapidity in the past four years. Specifically, the most important additions of new or modified methods in this edition include barbiturate intoxication, cardiac arrest, cold injuries, diving injuries, vasopressor resistant shock, arterial damage, and a very important section on pediatric emergencies emphasizing nose conditions in which there is marked difference in the treatment of infants or children as opposed to adults.

The pentagonal perspective of the author improves the value and practical application of the book's contents, namely: (1) Medical offices, clinics and hospitals experience a constant stream day and night of acutely ill and injured persons. (2) There is probably more opportunity to salvage life, limb and function going unfulfilled among these patients than in any other category of medical practice. (3) In emergency situations, the physician is faced with the necessity of making what may be vital decisions quickly with a minimum of lab-

oratory aid, consultation or solemn contemplation. (4) Physicians including interns and residents often are confronted with emergency situations outside their field of experience or training. (5) The staggering increase in medical malpractice proceedings as applicable to the management or mismanagement of medical emergencies.

It is most unusual for any two physicians to agree completely on all phases of management in every medical situation, to which they may be mutually exposed. Hence, as any one of us who would peruse or ponder this book with a critical eye, I find some points particularly in my professional field of endeavor, where I am not in complete agreement. However, basically these are not of great magnitude. One need only refer to the author's prefacing statement, "The methods of treatment suggested are not necessarily the only proper therapeutic methods but they are based upon several years of experience in the handling of a large volume of emergency cases as well as upon accepted methods of emergency care."

Though the book is small in dimensions, of great importance is its editing. Physicians who only occasionally handle emergencies will find it an indispensable guide, whereas those who work commonly among emergency patients will be pleased to find almost every possible contingency covered from "abdominal pain" to "X-ray indications". The alphabetical sequence of subjects in this book is an excellent idea for what actually is a medical emergency reference book. No time is lost thumbing through the fine print of an index which with its characteristic location in a book often gets badly defaced or misplaced through use or abuse!

One final point of emphasis that stimulates enthusiasm in the book is a section concerning administrative, clerical and medical legal principles and procedures. Gratifying indeed is

the enlightenment gleaned from this section of the book. In summary, I would certainly recommend that a copy of this book be placed for immediate access in every hospital emergency room and doctors' offices where medical emergencies are seen.

George K. Landis

Miss Antoinette Enna, daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Carl D. Enna**, and Mr. William Carl Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan M. Bell, were married at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on May 30.

Frederick E. Wade has returned from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, and is convalescing at home.

Mrs. Dorothy P. Frey has been appointed Acting Executive Director of the Kansas City Heart Association. Mrs. Frey has been program director of the Heart Association since 1956.

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This statement aroused considerable interest and speculation as to just what the President had meant to convey and how far the idea should be carried. The following article appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer:

"President Eisenhower urges doctors to tailor their fees to patient's abilities to pay, and says this would hold down inflation. Disregard the fact that physicians already often adjust their charges in just that fashion. Disregard also the fact that higher medical costs are not due just to what doctors get, but to such other things as the expensiveness of new medicines. The question still remains: Why single out doctors?"

"If this is a good idea, it could equally apply to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker — also the hardware merchant, the automobile dealer, and so on through the whole list of those who get paid for anything.

"Really, the President's suggestion is almost pure Karl Marx: 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.' And another question arises: After a doctor has charged a low fee and a well-fixed patient wants the same service, should the charge go up? In other words should there be a soak-the-rich angle?"

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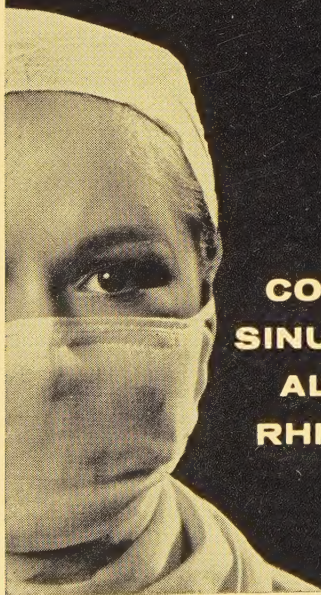
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